

EDITORIAL

The second issue of our nascent Journal is finally out and significantly, confirms our presence in the world of scientific literature, not only in Ghana and the sub-region, but hopefully in the world. Comments and feed-back on the first issue of the Journal have been very positive and encouraging. It is the hope of the editorial team that this positive response to the Journal will be sustained and be translated into good patronage, in terms of both authorship and readership. Facilities for online submission and review of articles are far advanced and should be available in the near future.

In the maiden issue, readers were assured that their comments on specific articles would be published in subsequent issues of the Journal. In the present issue, we have included a section titled "*Correspondence*" for this purpose. Comments on the article by Abantanga et al., as well as the reply to those comments by the authors have duly been published in the current issue. It would appear that the article has generated a lot of comments, although pertinent matters such as, lines of responsibility and medico-legal issues relating to activities of Non-Physician Clinicians have still not been clearly answered.

The current issue of the Journal also features two interesting Special Articles. The first, by Professor Konotey-Ahulu, is in fact, a re-publication of an Invited Editorial in the *African Journal of Health Sciences*. The main purpose for its publication in the *PMJG* is to bring to the attention of our cherished readers possible avenues for publication of research findings in good journals, in particular the increasing potential of online

publication. The second, by Professor Ohene-Frempong, is the Keynote Address delivered at the 2012 Medical Knowledge Fiesta held in August 2012. The address touches on very fundamental and, in the opinion of the Editor-in-Chief, important issues relating to current medical practice. These include alleged negative attitude of doctors towards patients, which in our particular circumstances, may lead to patients seeking alternative assistance from the fetish shrine, the faith healer or quacks in the system, only to turn up at the hospital when they are dying. Of particular note in this article is the implied message that the days of the "super-hero" doctor whose instructions, however poorly communicated, must be obeyed are over, particularly in this age of the Internet when many patients see the doctor with some prior knowledge about their condition. It is worthy of note that this increasing awareness of patients about their condition is likely to lead to an increase in litigation in situations where they may feel aggrieved by decisions or actions taken by the medical practitioner.

One important aspect of the mission of this Journal, and indeed the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons, is to provide a platform for continuing professional development. In this respect, well-researched and structured review articles form a potent medium for residency training. Readers, researchers and experts are therefore encouraged to submit review articles in their fields of specialisation or sub-specialisation to be considered for publication in the *PMJG* in order to satisfy this need.

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